

### **REMARKS**

A parent case of this application was recently allowed. Specifically, this application is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/957,278 filed September 20, 2001 entitled "A System and Method for Replication of one or more Databases" to Yao Wang et al., which was recently allowed.

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed September 6, 2006. Claims 1-18 were pending. In the Office Action, Claims 1-18 were rejected. Claims 1, 10 and 18 have been amended. Claims 1-18 are now pending.

Claims 1-18 have been rejected over U.S. Patent No. 6,757,696, hereafter known as Multer, alone or in combination with U.S. Patent No. 5,751,813, hereafter known as Dorenbos.

All of the independent claims (claims 1, 10 and 18) have been amended using language similar to language in the independent claims of the recently allowed parent case cited above. Specifically, all of the independent claims have been amended to recite that at least one of the agents is configured to perform replication in accordance with one or more replication policies that use groups of mirrored logical volumes that store data associated with the replication, the one or more replication policies comprising a control policy, and the control policy being assignable to a first grouping level and the same control policy also being assignable to a second grouping level. Support may be found in the specification, at least at page 20 lines 10-15 and page 30 lines 5-6.

Neither Multer nor Dorenbos discloses or suggests performing replication in accordance with replication policies as recited in the claims as amended.

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All of the claims including the dependent claims are patentable for at least the same reasons stated above.


In view of the foregoing, the Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request favorable reconsideration.

In the event the Examiner deems personal contact desirable in the disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (508) 293-7074.

Please charge all fees occasioned by this submission to Deposit Account No. 05-0889.

Respectfully submitted,

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